This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for maintaining a data structure corresponding to an object having a first link from a first directory and a second link from a second directory in a filesystem, the object to which the data structure corresponds being selected from the group consisting of a file and a directory in the filesystem, the first and second directories being parent directories to the object to which the data structure corresponds, the method comprising the steps of:

storing in the data structure a first anchor point that references the first directory, said first directory being of a first filesystem implementation; and

storing in the data structure a second anchor point that references the second directory; said second directory being of a second filesystem implementation different than the first.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the object is a file.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the object is a directory.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the directory is of the first filesystem implementation.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the first link from the first directory to the object is a directory link; and the second link from the second directory to the object is a file link.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for information about the first link; and

in response to the request, using the first anchor point when retrieving the information.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for information about the object;

selecting the first anchor point instead of the second anchor point to respond to the request.

8.-15. (Canceled.).

16. (Currently Amended) A program product, comprising:

a data structure configured to be maintained by an operating system and corresponding to an object having a first link from a first directory and a second link from a second directory in a filesystem, the object to which the data structure corresponds being selected from the group consisting of a file and a directory in the filesystem, the first and second directories being parent directories to the object to which the data structure corresponds, the data structure comprising:

a plurality of attributes related to the object;

a first anchor point that references the first directory, said first directory being of a first filesystem implementation; and

a second anchor point that references the second directory; said second directory being of a second filesystem implementation different than the first;

program code configured upon execution to access the data structure; and

at least one tangible computer readable medium upon which the data structure and the program code are borne.

17. (Previously Presented) The program product of claim 16, wherein the object is a file.

18. (Previously Presented) The program product of claim 16, wherein the object is a directory.

19. (Previously Presented) The program product of claim 18, wherein the directory is of the first filesystem implementation.

20. (Previously Presented) The program product of claim 19, wherein the first link from the first directory to the object is a directory link; and the second link from the second directory to the object is a file link.

21. (Currently Amended) A program product, comprising:

a program code configured upon execution to:

maintain a data structure corresponding to an object having a first link from a first directory and a second link from a second directory in a filesystem, the object to which the data structure corresponds being selected from the group consisting of a file and a directory in the filesystem, the first and second directories being parent directories to the object to which the data structure corresponds;

store a first anchor point in the data structure that references the first directory, said first directory being of a first filesystem implementation;

store a second anchor point in the data structure that references the second directory; said second directory being of a second filesystem implementation different than the first; and

a signal bearing medium bearing the program code.

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

at least one processor;

a memory coupled with the at least one processor; and

a program code residing in memory and executed by the at least one processor, the program code configured to:

maintain a data structure corresponding to an object having a first link from a first directory and a second link from a second directory in a filesystem, the object to which the data structure corresponds being selected from the group consisting of a file and a directory in the filesystem, the first and second directories being parent directories to the object to which the data structure corresponds.;

store a first anchor point in the data structure that references the first directory, said first directory being of a first filesystem implementation;

store a second anchor point in the data structure that references the second directory; said second directory being of a second filesystem implementation different than the first.

23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the object is a file.

24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the object is a directory.

25. (Original) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the directory is of the first filesystem implementation.

26. (Original) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the first link from the first directory to the object is a directory link; and the second link from the second directory to the object is a file link.

27. (Original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the program code is further configured to:

select the first anchor point instead of the second anchor point to respond to a request for information about the object.